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REMARKS

As you can see, we do not have to ask the BBC to pick up much from GF's coverage. THE 13 hours of SPA will eventually be available in NC from Arabsat. One impact of GF's closure will be the loss of GF's frequent feed of Tehran DS at mid-day. We will have to try to feed this from TA or NC.

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IMPACT OF GULF BUREAU CLOSURE ON LONDON BUREAU/BBC/PMU/EAU

Iran -- Gulf has primary coverage for only the 0530-0535 GMT and 0630-0635 GMT Tehran Domestic Service casts. Gulf presently takes the 0430-0500 GMT cast live, while BBC records the cast for later processing. Without GF to cover for flash material, BBC will have to take this Class A cast live. This means the unit will have to begin work earlier. Probably the greatest impact will arise from the loss of Gulf's backstopping capability, since BBC's reception of Tehran often deteriorates (especially during 1100-1330 GMT) and Gulf is called on either to assume primary coverage or to provide phone feeds to London. A recent Islamabad coverage survey shows that a similar backstopping function may not be possible from there. Nicosia or Tel Aviv may be able to provide some assistance, primarily through phone feeds. Tehran International casts in Russian (1515-1615 GMT) and Pashto (irregular) could be phone-fed from Islamabad (NC has slight Russian capability, but only LD has Pashto).

PMU will have to assume coverage of the three Persian newspapers currently done by GF (all Class A) and possibly the one Arabic daily, one Arabic fortnightly (JN might be able to get subscriptions of these, but it would probably be better to concentrate these pubs at PMU), as well as KAYHAN INTERNATIONAL in English, which is published in London.

Tehran TV is reported to be using Ku-band on an Intelsat, but hasn't been located by cruising yet. London may be called upon to cover it once Ku-band equipment is available, though Nicosia may be a better choice. This remains to be worked out. In the short term, Tehran TV will be lost.

Saudi Arabia -- We expect Nicosia to be able to take SPA from satellite, with London backstopping. Until Nicosia's dish is operational, London will be called upon to assume this coverage. This was covered at London in the past via landline.

USSR -- Unless we are able to increase Nicosia's Persian team, they may require some weekend assistance with Moscow Persian casts at 1500-1530 GMT and 1700-1800 GMT, which are Class A.. London would probably have to take these casts by phone patch from Islamabad.

The Russian, Armenian, and possibly Turkmen regionals now done by Gulf Bureau would have to be done at London due to language skills distribution. This would amount to 15 min of Turkmen, 95 min of Russian and about 60 min of Armenian per day.

Sudan, Yemen -- EAU will have to pick up the 0430-0500 GMT Omdurman DS cast. Nicosia should eventually be able to pick this up from satellite. EAU's assistance will also be needed to help Jordan cover Aden and Sanaa casts.

Gulf States, Yemens, Oman -- Jordan currently does not receive the one Omani and one YAR newspaper on GF's coverage. If they cannot work out subscriptions, PMU may have to pick up these papers, as well as any of the Bahrain and UAE papers that Jordan may not be able to get.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

BBC will have to pick up the following:

Iran: Tehran Domestic Service, 10 minutes per day.  
Tehran International Russian -- 60 minutes per day.

Saudi Arabia: SPA Arabic, 13 hours per day.

USSR: Regionals in Russian (95 minutes per day), Armenian (60 minutes per day), and Turkmen (15 minutes per day)

EAU will have to pick up the following:

Sudan: Omdurman Domestic Service Arabic -- 30 minutes per day.

YAR, PDRY: Backstop Jordan Bureau.